Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Many South Dakotans have served their country with great distinction in the major armed conflicts and in periods of peacetime, protecting our national security over many years; and,

WHEREAS, Ellsworth Air Force Base has played a prominent role in the national defense posture for almost 50 years, and the various aviation units, personnel, as well as the many different aircraft, missiles and support equipment used during this period should be so recorded and noted; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to portray the historic evolution of air strength as it relates to aviation history at Ellsworth Air Force Base and the history of aviation and space exploration as conducted in South Dakota in a representative museum facility; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Air and Space Museum at Ellsworth Air Force Base has accumulated many vintage military aircraft, equipment and memorabilia depicting the past 50-year period, completed the major phase of positioning and refurbishing modified hangers at the museum location, and will officially be dedicated and opened to the public on May 5, 1989; and,

WHEREAS, The 44th Strategic Missile Wing, 28th Bombardment Wing and support units at Ellsworth Air Force Base, along with the South Dakota Air National Guard, and the early Army Air Corps units, have consistently achieved the highest recognition for their outstanding performance during peacetime as well as in the many armed conflicts; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Air and Space Museum is one of eight Air Force museums recently authorized and approved by the United States Air Force Headquarters:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 1989, as

SOUTH DAKOTA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE